
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5953

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1 AN ACT Relating to the disruption of traffic by pedestrians;
2 amending RCW 46.63.020; adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW;
3 prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A pedestrian may not unlawfully and intentionally impede, or
8 otherwise disrupt, the flow of traffic on a highway that has been
9 designated, in whole or in part, as a highway of statewide
10 significance.

11 (2) A violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor punishable
12 under RCW 9A.20.021.

13 (3) Nothing in this section prohibits the filing, at any time, of
14 a cause of action for damages resulting from the disruption of traffic
15 caused by a pedestrian or pedestrians.

16 (4) In addition to any other costs that may be imposed by the
17 court, the court shall require a defendant to reimburse the actual

1 costs incurred by a law enforcement agency or emergency personnel, as
2 a result of responding to the traffic disruption prohibited under this
3 section.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.63.020 and 2001 c 325 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Failure to perform any act required or the performance of any act
7 prohibited by this title or an equivalent administrative regulation or
8 local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution relating to traffic
9 including parking, standing, stopping, and pedestrian offenses, is
10 designated as a traffic infraction and may not be classified as a
11 criminal offense, except for an offense contained in the following
12 provisions of this title or a violation of an equivalent administrative
13 regulation or local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution:

14 (1) RCW 46.09.120(2) relating to the operation of a nonhighway
15 vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a
16 controlled substance;

17 (2) RCW 46.09.130 relating to operation of nonhighway vehicles;

18 (3) RCW 46.10.090(2) relating to the operation of a snowmobile
19 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or
20 habit-forming drugs or in a manner endangering the person of another;

21 (4) RCW 46.10.130 relating to the operation of snowmobiles;

22 (5) Chapter 46.12 RCW relating to certificates of ownership and
23 registration and markings indicating that a vehicle has been destroyed
24 or declared a total loss;

25 (6) RCW 46.16.010 relating to initial registration of motor
26 vehicles;

27 (7) RCW 46.16.011 relating to permitting unauthorized persons to
28 drive;

29 (8) RCW 46.16.160 relating to vehicle trip permits;

30 (9) RCW 46.16.381(2) relating to knowingly providing false
31 information in conjunction with an application for a special placard or
32 license plate for disabled persons' parking;

33 (10) RCW 46.20.005 relating to driving without a valid driver's
34 license;

35 (11) RCW 46.20.091 relating to false statements regarding a
36 driver's license or instruction permit;

- 1 (12) RCW 46.20.0921 relating to the unlawful possession and use of
2 a driver's license;
- 3 (13) RCW 46.20.342 relating to driving with a suspended or revoked
4 license or status;
- 5 (14) RCW 46.20.345 relating to the operation of a motor vehicle
6 with a suspended or revoked license;
- 7 (15) RCW 46.20.410 relating to the violation of restrictions of an
8 occupational driver's license;
- 9 (16) RCW 46.20.740 relating to operation of a motor vehicle without
10 an ignition interlock device in violation of a license notation that
11 the device is required;
- 12 (17) RCW 46.20.750 relating to assisting another person to start a
13 vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device;
- 14 (18) RCW 46.25.170 relating to commercial driver's licenses;
- 15 (19) Chapter 46.29 RCW relating to financial responsibility;
- 16 (20) RCW 46.30.040 relating to providing false evidence of
17 financial responsibility;
- 18 (21) RCW 46.37.435 relating to wrongful installation of
19 sunscreening material;
- 20 (22) RCW 46.44.180 relating to operation of mobile home pilot
21 vehicles;
- 22 (23) RCW 46.48.175 relating to the transportation of dangerous
23 articles;
- 24 (24) RCW 46.52.010 relating to duty on striking an unattended car
25 or other property;
- 26 (25) RCW 46.52.020 relating to duty in case of injury to or death
27 of a person or damage to an attended vehicle;
- 28 (26) RCW 46.52.090 relating to reports by repairmen, storagemen,
29 and appraisers;
- 30 (27) RCW 46.52.130 relating to confidentiality of the driving
31 record to be furnished to an insurance company, an employer, and an
32 alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agency;
- 33 (28) RCW 46.55.020 relating to engaging in the activities of a
34 registered tow truck operator without a registration certificate;
- 35 (29) RCW 46.55.035 relating to prohibited practices by tow truck
36 operators;
- 37 (30) RCW 46.61.015 relating to obedience to police officers,
38 flaggers, or fire fighters;

1 (31) RCW 46.61.020 relating to refusal to give information to or
2 cooperate with an officer;

3 (32) RCW 46.61.022 relating to failure to stop and give
4 identification to an officer;

5 (33) RCW 46.61.024 relating to attempting to elude pursuing police
6 vehicles;

7 (34) Section 1 of this act relating to impeding traffic;

8 (35) RCW 46.61.500 relating to reckless driving;

9 ~~((35))~~ (36) RCW 46.61.502 and 46.61.504 relating to persons under
10 the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;

11 ~~((36))~~ (37) RCW 46.61.503 relating to a person under age twenty-
12 one driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol;

13 ~~((37))~~ (38) RCW 46.61.520 relating to vehicular homicide by motor
14 vehicle;

15 ~~((38))~~ (39) RCW 46.61.522 relating to vehicular assault;

16 ~~((39))~~ (40) RCW 46.61.5249 relating to first degree negligent
17 driving;

18 ~~((40))~~ (41) RCW 46.61.527(4) relating to reckless endangerment of
19 roadway workers;

20 ~~((41))~~ (42) RCW 46.61.530 relating to racing of vehicles on
21 highways;

22 ~~((42))~~ (43) RCW 46.61.685 relating to leaving children in an
23 unattended vehicle with the motor running;

24 ~~((43))~~ (44) RCW 46.61.740 relating to theft of motor vehicle
25 fuel;

26 ~~((44))~~ (45) RCW 46.64.010 relating to unlawful cancellation of or
27 attempt to cancel a traffic citation;

28 ~~((45))~~ (46) RCW 46.64.048 relating to attempting, aiding,
29 abetting, coercing, and committing crimes;

30 ~~((46))~~ (47) Chapter 46.65 RCW relating to habitual traffic
31 offenders;

32 ~~((47))~~ (48) RCW 46.68.010 relating to false statements made to
33 obtain a refund;

34 ~~((48))~~ (49) Chapter 46.70 RCW relating to unfair motor vehicle
35 business practices, except where that chapter provides for the
36 assessment of monetary penalties of a civil nature;

37 ~~((49))~~ (50) Chapter 46.72 RCW relating to the transportation of
38 passengers in for hire vehicles;

1 (~~(+50+)~~) (51) RCW 46.72A.060 relating to limousine carrier
2 insurance;
3 (~~(+51+)~~) (52) RCW 46.72A.070 relating to operation of a limousine
4 without a vehicle certificate;
5 (~~(+52+)~~) (53) RCW 46.72A.080 relating to false advertising by a
6 limousine carrier;
7 (~~(+53+)~~) (54) Chapter 46.80 RCW relating to motor vehicle wreckers;
8 (~~(+54+)~~) (55) Chapter 46.82 RCW relating to driver's training
9 schools;
10 (~~(+55+)~~) (56) RCW 46.87.260 relating to alteration or forgery of a
11 cab card, letter of authority, or other temporary authority issued
12 under chapter 46.87 RCW;
13 (~~(+56+)~~) (57) RCW 46.87.290 relating to operation of an
14 unregistered or unlicensed vehicle under chapter 46.87 RCW.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
18 immediately.

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